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SUBJ: WHITE PAPER ON OUMAR BLONDIN DIOP

1. GOS HAS JUST PUBLISHED A WHITE PAPER ON THE SUICIDE OF OUMAR BLONDIN DIOP, A 17 PAGE DOCUMENT WITH A NUMBER OF DOCUMENTARY ANNEXES.

2. THE PAMPHLET SETS OUT THE NOW WELL KNOW HISTORY OF OUMAR DIOP, INCLUDING HIS EXPULSION FROM FRANCE IN 1968, SENGHOR'S LETTER TO POMPIDOU REQUESTING LIFTING OF THE EXPULSION, SENGHOR'S PERSONAL INTERVENTION TO SECURE HIM SCHOLARSHIP AT IFAN, CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS ARREST AND EXTRADITION FROM MALI, FOLLED BY TRIAL IN DAKAR IN MARCH 1972 WITH RESULTING INCARCERATION AS POLITICAL PRISONER IN GOREE PRISON. IT WAS HERE HE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE HANGED HIMSELF THE NIGHT OF MAY 10-11. THE PAMPHLET CONTAINS THE RESULTING AUTOPSY REPORT.

3. THE BALANCE OF THE PUBLICATION CONSISTS OF POLEMICS AGAINST FRENCH INTELLECTUALS, NOTABLE FORMER IFAN DIRECTOR PIERRE FOUGEYROLLAS, NOW PROFESSOR AT VINCENNES, FOR HIS EMOTIONAL ARTICLE IN COMBAT OF MAY 18. ON GOS SIDE IS CITED JUNE 9 JEUNE AFRIQUE ARTICLE OF JEAN-

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PIERRE N' DIAYE, NO SUPPORTER OF SENGHOR GOVERNMENT IN GENERAL, WHO LASHES BACK AT FRENCH INTELLECTUAL CRITICS. THIS ARTICLE RESULTED IN EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN SENGHOR AND N' DIAYE, WHICH IS QUOTED AT LENGTH.

4. ALTHOUGH NO REFERENCE IS MADE TO COMPLAINTS OF BLONDIN DIOP' S FATHER, DR IBRAHIMA BLONDIN DIOP, IT IS RUMORED THAT HE HAS SOUGHT SERVICES OF FRENCH LAWYER IN EFFORT TO EMBARRASS GOS ON THE CASE, AND DOUBTLESS THIS PUBLICATION IS INTENDED ANSWER HIS CHARGES AS WELLL.

5. COMMENT: IT IS A LITTLE DIFFICULT FROM DAKAR VANTAGE POINT TO SEE JUST WHAT IS IN IT FOR GOS NOW TO KEEP THIS AFFAIR ALIVE IN THE MEDIA, WHEREEVER THE TRUTH MAY LIE CONCERNING BLONDIN DIOP' S DEATH. ONE SUSPECTS THAT THERE HAS BEEN MORE CRITICISM IN THE FRENCH PRESS THAN WE HERE HAVE REALIZED THAT THAT THIS HAS GOTTEN UNDER SENEGALESE SKIN. MEANWHILE, STUDENTS, ENGROSSED IN EXAMINATIONS, SEEM CALM.
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